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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

KRISTIN M. THATCHER, R.N. License # NR 16446400

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about March 31, 2014, 2013, a letter of inquiry issued from the Board, asking, among other things, that respondent provide documentation and information concerning an arrest on March 9, 2014 on charges of assault. The inquiry was sent by certified and regular mail to respondent's address of record with the Board.
- 3. The certified mailing of the inquiry was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to a Board inquiry constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation in violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on July 7, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a \$500.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this The day of November, 2014, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until respondent has fully responded to the Board's inquiry.
- 2. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u>
 13:45C-1.2, -1.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, which shall be due within 21 days following the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APM

Board President